

*Our visions begin with our desires.*Audre Lorde  
writer

As we reflect back on the past it becomes more clear how the shaming messages about homosexuality contribute to the development of a negative self-image and lack of hope for the future. It is true—oppression squelches desires and passions. Anti-gay bigotry often keeps lesbians and gays from pursuing their dreams and goals. The dreams may be so buried that we lose sight of what they were.

As the new year begins take time to find your dreams. Rediscover your desires and passions. They are inside waiting to be rekindled and realized!

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*We will not change  
the world until we  
change ourselves.*

Tim McFeel

We are only beginning to  
siveness of the victimization.  
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changes in the last two decades.  
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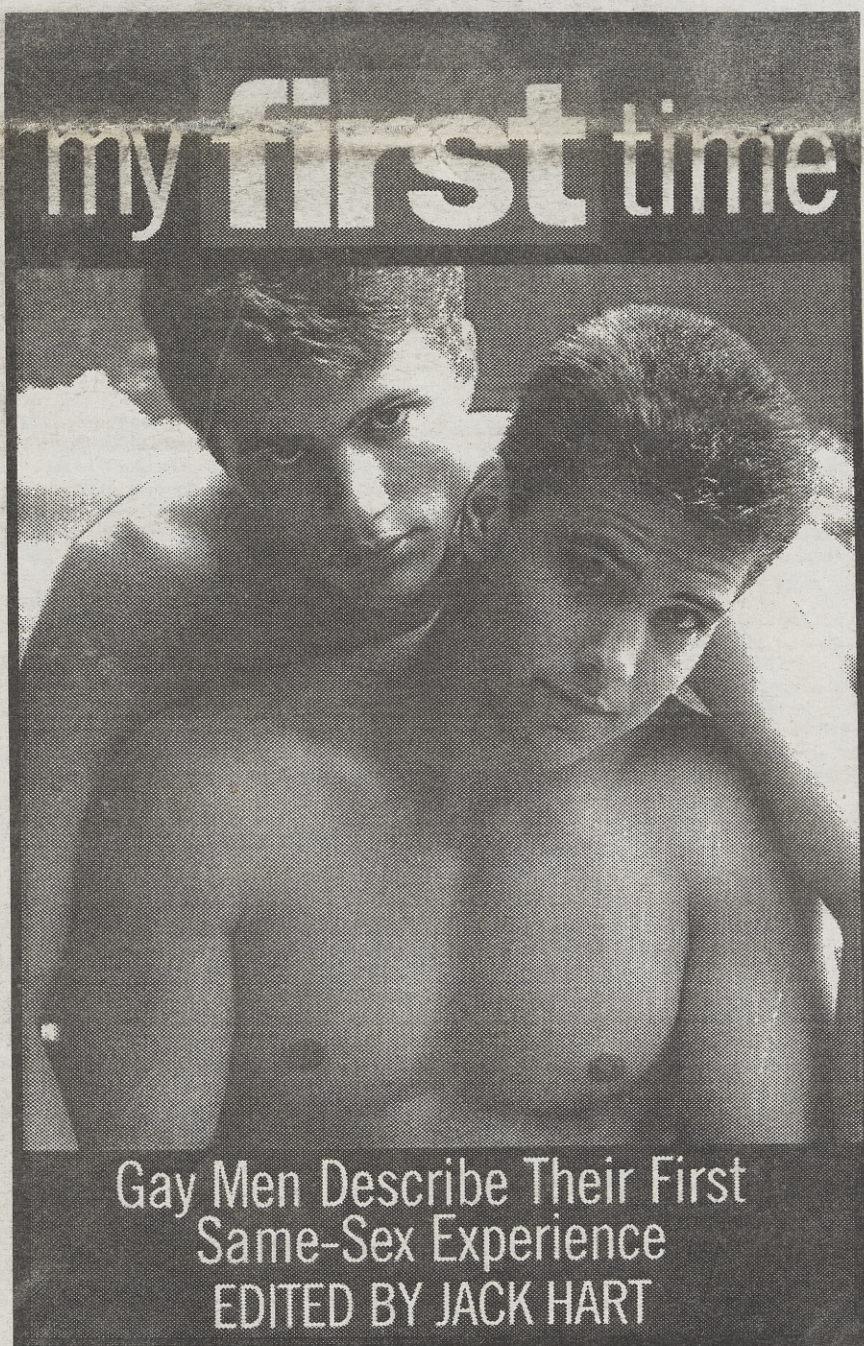
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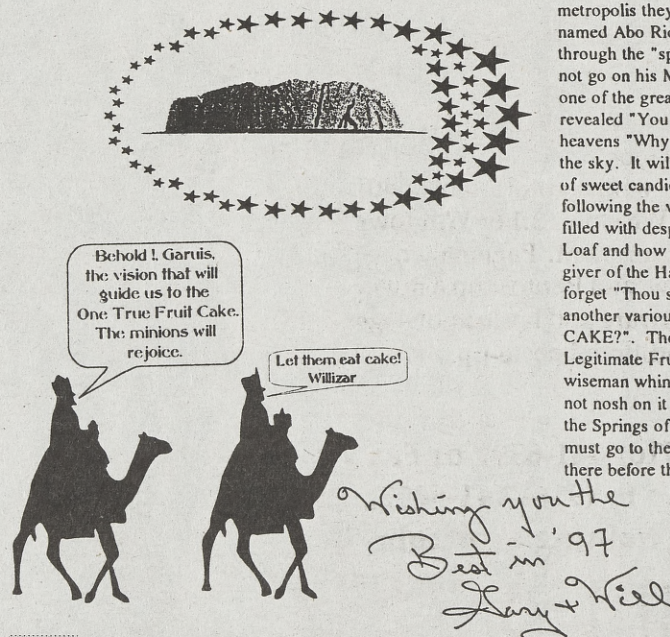
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## From the Postcard Queen...

## The Quest for The One True Fruit Cake



When we last encountered our dromedary riding dynamic duo they were being transported in the belly of a great silver bird to the Island Continent downunder where in the heavens you can behold the constellation Southern Cross. They were deposited in the center of an eminent city built at the waters edge and named after the great prophet Sydney Shelniel. At the heart of the metropolis they beheld an immense alabaster temple with minarets like sails. At the temples portal they met an ancient oracle named Abo Ridge Kneec. He spoke unto the pilgrim pair, "G'day Wisemates", for he spoke in a tongue unknown to them but through the "spirits" they could understand. The seer told them he had waited many decades for the chosen couple and could not go on his Mall Walk About until he revealed to them their Walk About. He said unto the dos comparades they were to solve one of the great mysteries of the millennia. The puzzled pair asked "To what quest have we been summoned?". The ancient one revealed "You are to find the ONE TRUE FRUIT CAKE!". They fell to the ground trembling with dread and lamented to the heavens "Why us!". The patriarch said, "Fear not, for you will be led to the place where The Great Babka dwells, by a mirage in the sky. It will guide you as long as you follow its directions. You will go to the region of desolation and find The Great Mound of sweet candied halvah standing alone in earth's oven. So begone on your crusade.". The troubled twosome thus went forth following the vision into the precinct of barrenness and after having schlepped many days without finding their treasure they soon filled with despair and forsook the prophecy. They kvetched to nirvana, "Why have you not shown us the way to the True Fruited Loaf and how will we know it is the ONE!" at that moment the skies parted and the Voice of the Celestial Pastry Chef and the giver of the Hallowed Cake Laws spoke, "There is but One Fruit Cake and there can be no trafya cakes before it" and least you forget "Thou shall not bear false witness against Fruit Cake.". Magi Willizar wailed, "But we have seen our tribe give unto one another various brandied soaked bread. They are a highly prized gift but no one partakes of even a morsel. Which is the True CAKE?". The Chef spoke unto them, "Thou shall not covet thy neighbors Fruit Cake and all Fruit Cake is issued forth from the Legitimate Fruit Cake, therefore, there is but ONE TRUE FRUIT CAKE." The Supreme Baker continued "Enough of this wiseman whining for you shlimazls have transgressed and did not follow directions. You will behold THE CAKE but you shall not nosh on it for I have transformed it. You shall know of what I speak when you reach it". The miffed Magi took flight unto the Springs of Alice to ponder what had befallen them when suddenly appeared Abo Ridge Keen who said to the shnooks "You must go to the Land of Uluru to see what you have wrought by not following directions.". They hastened unto the desert and there before them found the One True Fruit Cake. But behold THE CAKE had been turned to STONE!

So it is written. So shall it be.  
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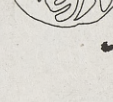
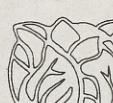
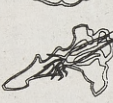
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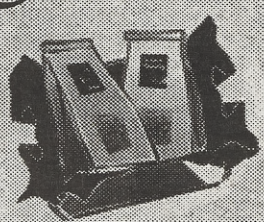


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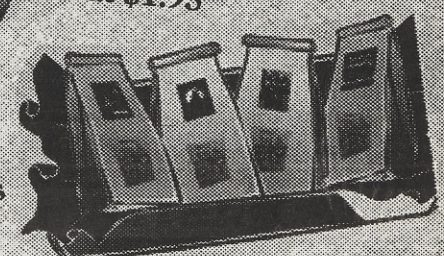


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by John Boubion  
MCW/Staff

**S**tart getting ready for New Year's 2000! On the hospital ity front, the Pyramids in Egypt are booked. So is London. Didn't someone predict the end of the world in the year 2000? Then why is the Holy Land also booked? If you are planning to do something special, plan now. Stonehenge will be packed! I hear the French are selling champagne for the year 2000—expensive! Restaurants like Spago's and Charlie Trotter's will be jammed.

Fortunately, there's a growing hotbed of food and wine lovers all around Sacramento: Nevada City, El Dorado, and more. The hills are full of good food and grapevines! I suspect Napa Valley buyers, due to a general shortage of grapes, will start aiming their sights towards Sacramento soon. Renwood, Latcham, and Sierra Vista are just a few stars in the arena.

I've seen nothing but new restaurants in the Sacramento area in 1996. This bodes well for Sacramento. Consumer's get more choices and better food, and Sac-

ramento City gets more widely known for its culinary accomplishments. Maybe then places like the Leiderwolf Academy wouldn't go out of business. The downside is that prices could get steeper, and you might be forced to drive a little farther for the best rack of lamb, or the juiciest steak. On a teacher's salary, I might have enough for the new Denny's in the Auburn Bel Air Center. On second thought, maybe I'll eat in. ▼

## WAY IN

1. Cigars (It made my clothes stink.)
2. Balsamic vinegar
3. Julia Child (The Lucille Ball of cooking.)
4. Syrah and Viognier (Especially popular in the Foothills. They call themselves "Rhône Rangers.")
5. Caviar (See baby sturgeon at the Capitol Aquarium!)
6. Eating out (Collectively, Americans spend 300 million per year eating out.)
7. Oregon Pinot Noir (Panther Creek, Amity Vineyards, Benton Lane)
8. Bagels
9. Bar loungers
10. Monkey Bar (Next to Café Bernardo's.)

## WAY OUT

1. Tofu
2. Jaegermeister
3. Americo's Trattoria
4. Gewürztraminer
5. Frozen yogurt (My first cashier's job!)
6. Gourmet takeout taxi
7. Bonny's Vineyard Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon (Grapes now go to the Napa Valley blend.)
8. Skinless chicken breast (Eat less, not bland.)
9. Bar hopping (Unless it's on foot.)
10. Buffalo Club

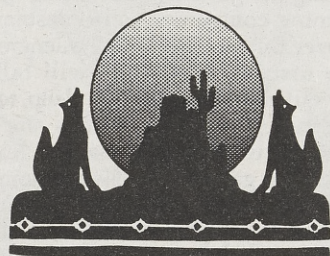


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## The Good, the Bad and the Larry

The media made some final pronouncements after Jonathan Schmitz was sentenced for the shooting death of openly gay Scott Amedure. The *Detroit Free Press* featured columnist Susan Ager's Dec. 8 enlightened essay which said, "The tragedy of Jonathan Schmitz is not that talk show producers set him up to be ambushed by a gay man's crush, but that society trained him to be humiliated and angered by it—to the point of murder. Fuses like this smolder from childhood...leading a guy like Schmitz to agonize, perhaps, over what Amedure's crush on him implied about his own sexuality." She adds, "Most of us never kill someone who embarrasses us. It is a tragedy that Jonathan Schmitz could see no other point."

Meanwhile, the December 4 episode of *Larry King Live*, on the other hand, perpetuated the worst of the "talk show on trial" hype, by painting a picture of the murderer as victim. King brought Allyn Schmitz (Jonathan's father) on the show, who said he thought his son's sentence was too strict considering "his mental condition and how he was basically lured on to the *Jenny Jones* show and then basically stalked by Scott Amedure who, in my opinion, was a sexual predator."

Please thank Susan Ager for her clear-headed article bringing out the ignored issue underlying the entire case, showing the crime was about homophobia perpetuated by a society that has missed the point and blamed the victim. And tell Larry King that he has dishonored Amedure and helped perpetuate the "homosexual panic" defense.

Contact: Susan Ager, *Detroit Free Press*, 321 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226, fax: (313) 223-4726, e-mail: ager@det-freepress.com; Larry King, *Larry King Live*, CNN, 820 1st St. NE, Washington, DC 20002, fax: (202) 898-7686, e-mail: lkl@cnn.com.

## Poor Honda Civic Citizen

A national Honda ad is driving GLAAD and the g/l community to distress by helping to perpetuate societal fear and discomfort with homosexuality. In the ad, a young man driving his 1997 Honda Civic is shown being interviewed for what are supposed to be clearly undesirable career opportunities, including raising emu and selling hot dogs in the desert. In the last job interview, the man talks to a sailor who says, "Twelve men, one boat—what could be better?" while the sailor places his hand on the man's shoulder. The ad's implied meaning makes it a lemon, and the joke's on gay people.

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Contact: Koichi Amemiya, President, American Honda Motor Co., Inc., 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501, fax: (310) 783-3900, WWW:www.honda.com.

## Public News on Private Acts

Another television station has made a cheap grab for ratings, by targeting gay men engaging in public sex (see Dec. 15 MGW). Cincinnati's WLWT-TV, Channel 5 News featured a segment entitled, "Private Acts in Public Places," which not only detailed the activities at a local park but also chronicles the process in which the men pick up one another. A retired police officer is interviewed, saying, "We just can't keep homosexuals out of the park."

WLWT's story ignored the fact that heterosexuals often engage in public sex, the men targeted in the story are identified as gay or homosexual, ignoring the possibility that many of the men may be married or identify themselves as heterosexual; and the series never mentions homophobia and its sub-

sequent social impact on individuals who lead closeted lives. WLWT not only failed to interview any gay or civil liberties activists, the station was dismissive of a protest letter by the gay civil rights group, Stonewall Cincinnati and refused the gay civil rights group's offer to hold sensitivity training for the news staff.

Let WLWT-TV know that trading journalism for ratings insults its audience. Contact: James A Clayton, VP & General Manager, WLWT-TV 5, 140 W. Ninth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202, fax: (513) 352-5098, e-mail: mail@wlwt.com.

## Proof in the Putting Out?

Using the controversy surrounding the coming out of *Ellen*, Garry Shandling's December 11 *Larry Sanders Show* jumps on the *Ellen* bandwagon. The scenario is set up when Larry (Shandling) spies *Ellen* dining with a female friend. She's invited on the show assuming she will "come out" and bring her girlfriend, assuming her dining companion is her lesbian lover. But meeting with DeGeneres to discuss what they will talk about, Larry and *Ellen* sleep together. Now he assumes she's straight until a self-proclaimed "expert" on gay people tells him some lesbians sleep with men. On the show, Larry pummels *Ellen* with leading questions about her sexual orientation, which she dodges.

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## Tribune Facilitates More Hate

For the second week running, the *Chicago Tribune* has published a column by Mike Royko that dismisses and mocks domestic violence in gay and lesbian relationships. In the Dec. 10 follow-up to his Dec. 5 column attacking gay

marriage and belittling gay spousal abuse, Royko says he is "pro-choice" when it comes to the estimated 500,000 gay spousal abuse victims. "By 'pro-choice' I mean choice," writes Royko. "It should be easier for a man to walk away from an abusive relationship since men don't get pregnant or have babies. Also, men have a better deal in the job market." He continues, "If [someone being abused] chooses to stick around, whose problem is his fat lip? Not mine, not society's and surely not the cops or a judge. If a man decides that he is so deeply in love that it is worth the pain of being whopped regularly, it is his frayed hide."

Royko's flippant tone and cynical words contribute to the problem of the same-sex spousal violence. No one chooses to be beaten, and by adding to the stigma of survivors of abuse, Royko only aggravates the tragedy.

Write the *Chicago Tribune* and

demand they present a comprehensive story on the realities of g/l domestic violence. Contact: Howard Tyner, Editor, *Chicago Tribune*, P.O. Box 4041, Chicago, IL 60611, fax: (312) 222-3143, e-mail: tribletter@aol.com. ▼

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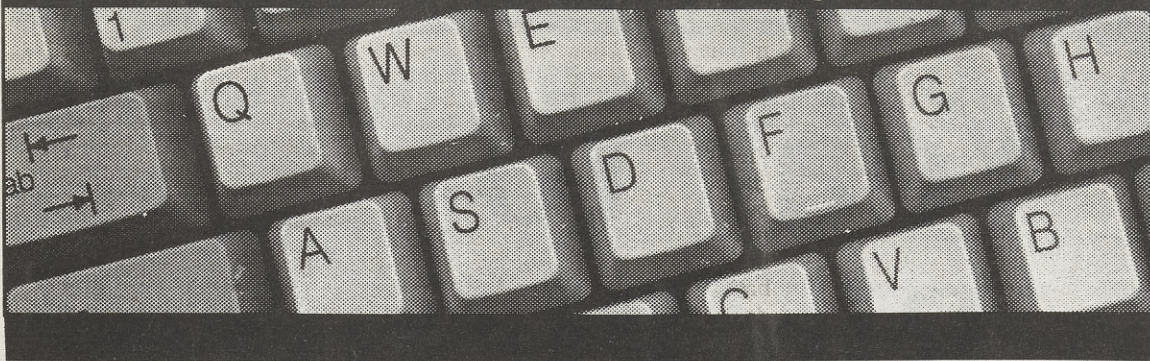
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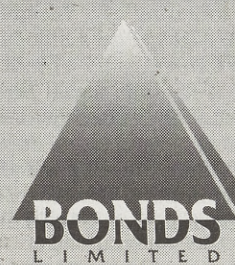
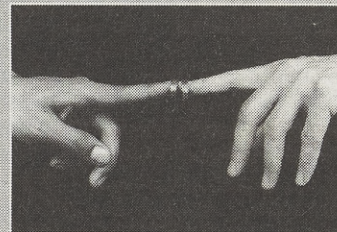


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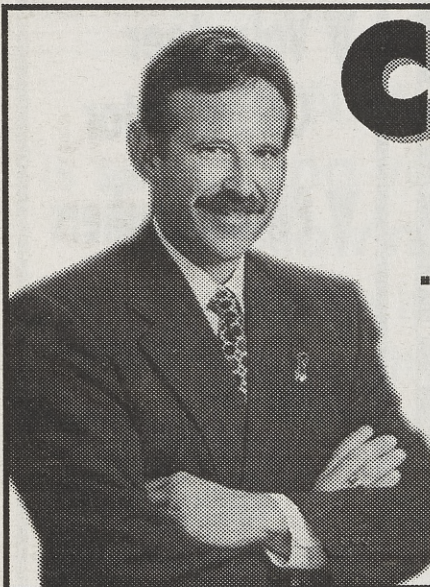
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# 1997: The Year to Realize the Big Picture

By John Batchleor  
MGW/Staff

This is the year of transition for me and you! No more procrastination. 1997 is here. Reflect and improve on the past. Take that small step to realize the big picture. Welcome to the new year!\*\*\*

Are you a CMGer? (California Men's Gathering) If so, there's still time to attend the "Planning and Leadership Weekend" Jan. 17-20 at Saratoga Springs. Call **Brian Polejes** at 731-5687 for more details.\*\*\*

The local Iota chapter of **Delta Lambda Phi** fraternity invites the community to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the national fraternity's founding at a **Monte Carlo casino night** at the Lambda Community Center from 7-11 p.m. on Jan. 11. A national social fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi provides gay, bisexual and progressive men with opportunities to socialize and serve the community. The Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian

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**Target** supports CARES. Recently, Target made a generous donation of \$3,000 in support of services at CARES that benefit and strengthen families. It's great to see that Target is a good neighbor in our Sacramento community. CARES' board members **Ted Ross** and **Joyce Mitchell** worked with **Biba's Restaurant** on a fundraiser in November. Due to their efforts and many others, CARES was able to raise more than \$7500 for client services.\*\*\*

The **Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC)** wowed the audiences in December. "Mysterium" (I think they created that word) explored through music the sacred mysteries of winter. This is truly artistic director **Curtis Lee's** most ambitious effort to date. Kudos to all chorus members.\*\*\*

The **Names Project** is sponsoring a "Panel Maker's Sewing Bee" on Jan. 18 at Pioneer Church.\*\*\*

One couple that works hard and plays hard is **Brad Buyse** and **Troy Stauss**. The pair celebrated five years together in December! Troy recently coordinated the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation/Hand to Hand Project's** "Let the Miracles Begin." The couple plans to celebrate their anniversary in Mexico.\*\*\*

Coincidentally, "Miracles" was quite the SAF holiday gala. KCRA's **Dave Walker** and **Lois Hart** were the masters of ceremonies. The silent auction was filled with treasures and the food was great. Next year, the event would benefit from two stages. That way, the bands could play consecutively without any down time. As a result, we could get the entire crowd dancing on the floor. Nonetheless, it was a beautiful event with well-deserved kudos to everyone.\*\*\*

Come ballroom dance with me at the Central United Methodist Church Social Hall. Dances are the first Friday of every month at 53rd and H Streets. There is also country western dancing on the other Fridays. In either case, we'll keep you dancing. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.\*\*\*

New year's/January babies include **Wayne Randall**, MGW Publisher **Linda Birner**, **Jack Rangel**, and **Michael Mary Addison**.\*\*\*

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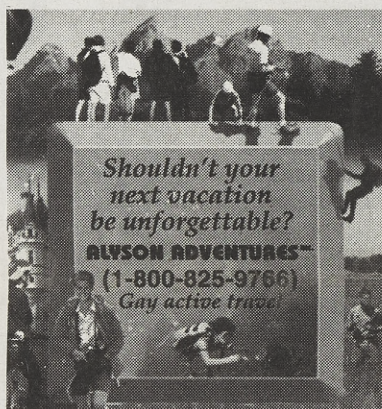
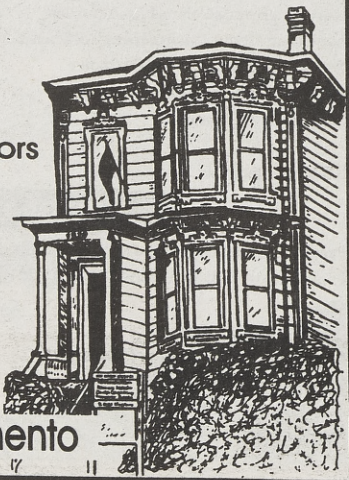
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# Hollywood's Best and Worst of 1996

by Jerry Semas  
MGW/Staff

It's time for a look back at 1996 and remember the best and worst. Among the Best, there was...Joan Allen in a knock-out performance as Pat Nixon in Oliver Stone's 'Nixon'. The tour de force acting job by Kathy Najimy on a number of episodes of 'Chicago Hope'. What a travesty that she wasn't nominated for an Emmy. Chicago Hope also gets kudos for its story angle of a doctor's 2 ex-wives who showed up to announce they are now lovers and want him to father their child. Over at the Emmy award winning E.R., a January episode featured a high school jock who was afraid to tell his father that he was gay.

NBC offered the most stunning visuals in effects, editing and cinematography with the miniseries Gulliver's Travels, especially Ted Danson's wigs. The blockbuster movie 'Twister' provided the best effects on movie screens. \*\*\* Best line on television all year had to be "Be careful, we still don't know what these cockroaches are capable of!" from an episode of 'The X-Files'. It also offered one of the best cliff-hanger season ender of the year.

NYPD Blue's Sharon Lawrence made a hysterical appearance on a February episode of Caroline in the City. One of the best implied Gay scenes of the TV year came with a kiss between Ross and Joey on Friends. Nathan Lane showed he could be the host with the most when he took charge of this year's 50th edition of the Tony Awards. \*\*\* Whoopee Goldberg's political jokes on the Oscars were right on target and the fashion nominee catwalk presentation using well-known models was an inspired addition. \*\*\* 'Cold Com-

fort Farm' was one of the best films of the year while poking fun at Jane Austen and Masterpiece Theatre. \*\*\* Babylon 5 continued to be the best written science fiction series on television in years. \*\*\* The most fun-filled escapist movie of the year was 'Independence Day' and Wil Smith's performance which carried most of the film. \*\*\* Arianna Huffington and Al Franken's teaming for the 'Strange Bedfellow's' skits on Politically Incorrect during this Summer's political conventions. \*\*\*

The best success story of 96 was skater Rudy Galindo who calls himself "Gay, mexican trailer trasher". \*\*\* The best new variety/talk show of the year has to be The Rosie O'Donnell Show. She's fun, real and hysterical but get rid of that obnoxious plastic band leader. \*\*\* One of the best scenes of the Emmys was Gay actor Tom Hulse affectionately hugging his male date upon winning an Emmy for 'The Heidi Chronicles'. \*\*\* Ken Burns' PBS documentary series The West was as good if not better than his award-winning series on the Civil War. \*\*\* One of the best interview questions of the year was in Entertainment Weekly when a reporter asked Barbara Eden if she was "ticked off when MC Hammer stole your pants?"

Now for the Worst of the Year. The saddest news of the year was to learn that David Hasselhoff got his own star on the Hollywood walk of fame. But hey, now you can walk all over him when you visit Hollywood. \*\*\* The alleged acting job of Antonio Sabato Jr. as a bisexual hustler in the made-for-TV movie 'If Looks Could Kill: From the Files of America's Most Wanted'. Beautiful to look at but

so hard to take serious. \*\*\* The HBO movie, Rasputin starring Alan Rickman and Ian McKellen must have had a script written by 23 different people, each one doing an 8 minutes segment. If not it was one person with multi-personalities. \*\*\* NBC's decision to make Jaime and Paul have marital difficulties on 'Mad About You'. Come on guys, If I wanted to watch real life drama I would tune into the Courtroom Channel. \*\*\* Olympian Kerri Strug's appearance on Beverly Hills 90210 showed this summer's ankle injury must have impacted any talent she may have had for acting. And to think that she still showed up Tori Spelling. \*\*\*

The performance by the cast of 'Bring On Da Noise, Bring On Da Funk' on the Tony Awards was major over-kill. Self indulgent crap on the part of Savion Glover. \*\*\* The Randy Newman and Lyle Lovett duet on the Academy Awards. Maybe next year they'll team Joe Cocker and Rod McKuen. \*\*\* The closing ceremonies and production numbers of the Olympics. Missed cues, bad lip-synching, lack-luster special effects and costumes, un-synchronized camera flash wave, etc. What a fiasco!

One of the biggest outrages of the season was MTV's decision to postpone the airing of the Gay & Lesbian episode of their hit series 'Singled Out' to the late time slot of 11pm. This happened with little fan fare and probably with limited viewers to validate future similar programs. Another outrage occurred when ABC decided to air the Gay wedding episode of the series Roseanne in a later time slot. \*\*\* The writers of Murphy Brown gave us an episode in which a play Frank wrote about ex-girlfriend, Dana, ended up being produced as a Gay play. \*\*\*

CBS should be ashamed at the way they pressured the producers of the Tony Awards to compact the

show into a two hour format. It should have been called 'Cliff Notes Presents the Tonys' \*\*\* The biggest surprise on TV this past year was spotting two African American women in the audience at the Republican Convention. \*\*\*

Of course the very worst of the year is the loss of our friends, family and loved ones who have died of AIDS. Among deaths in the entertainment industry. The beautiful Mark Frankel of FOX's The Kindred died in Britain from a motorcycle accident.

To look back at Gays and Lesbians on television one may be surprised by the volume of their presence in prime time. There was Carter, the gay activist on Spin City, the Lesbian sister on Relativity and Nelson on the FOX's quickly canceled Lush Life. The makers of 'thirtysomething' included Gay characters in their new offering called Relativity. ABC's Ellen continued to feature the outrageous behaviors of couple Peter and Barrett while questions of Ellen personal life were bounced around.

FOX's short lived 95/96 series The Crew had David Burke as a Gay flight attendant while it's Party of Five series offered Gay violin teacher Ross who adopted a baby. The Lesbian couple on NBC highly rated Friends still made appearances. It's companion series The Single Guy offered a gay couple who lived upstairs from Jonathan Silverman's character. ABC's Roseanne offered the wedding episode of Gay character Leon portrayed by Martin Mull which featured Nancy, the Lesbian character played by Sandra Bernhard. One episode of Picket Fences focused on a Gay murder/suicide which featured the Pope as a witness. \*\*\* ABC aired Two Mothers for Zachary starring Valerie Bertinelli as a Lesbian mom fighting her homophobic mother, played by Vanessa Redgrave for custody of her son.

HBO provided the world premiere of The Celluloid Closet and an episode of their new series Arlis featured a Gay skater who wanted

to marry his lover in a ceremony during their touring ice show. Actor John Fleck portrayed the obvi-

ously gay secretary on ABC's 'Murder One'. Writers on FOX's Melrose Place finally started doing something with the character of Matt, played by Doug Savant, and gave him a lover played by Greg Evigan. The wonderful Suzie Plakson (Love & War) played the girlfriend of Paul Buckman's Lesbian sister on the season debut of Mad About You. The Showtime series Bedtime featured a Lesbian couple as part of its ongoing four stories. \*\*\*

Though I'm embarrassed to even mention the pathetic has-been of NBC's Saturday Night Live, the long over-due for a cancellation notice show featured the continuing sketch routine of the 'Ambiguously Gay Duo' which debuted on the short-lived Dana Carvey Show. \*\*\*

Real life Gay and Lesbian actors continued to find work on the small screen. Lily Tomlin was a perfectly timed addition to the cast of Murphy Brown. Gay actor Dan Butler continued playing a straight sportscaster on Frasier and played a Gay art gallery owner in an episode of Caroline In The City.

Amanda Bearse was still seen on Married With Children and though not militantly out but definitely family, Malcolm Gets, who portrays Richard, continues to steal the show on Caroline in the City. MTV aired the fifth edition of The Real World and provided audiences with one more real Gay person among it's Miami roommates. RuPaul turned up on VH1 with his own series RuPaul's Party Machine. The Comedy Channel gave us the Out There IV, comedy special features all Gay & Lesbian comedians. ▼

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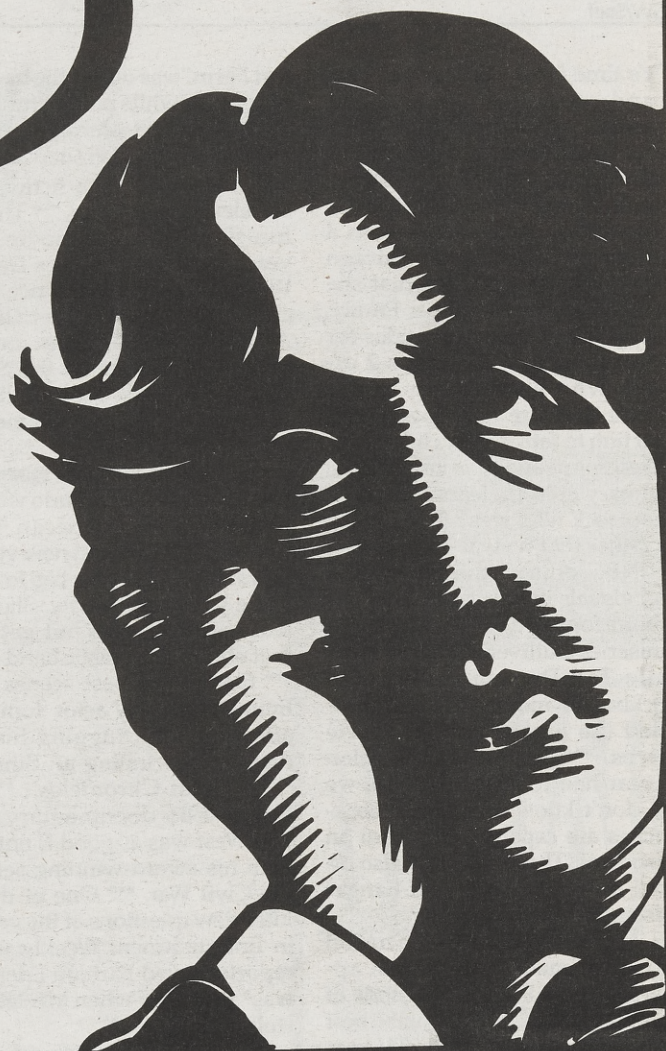


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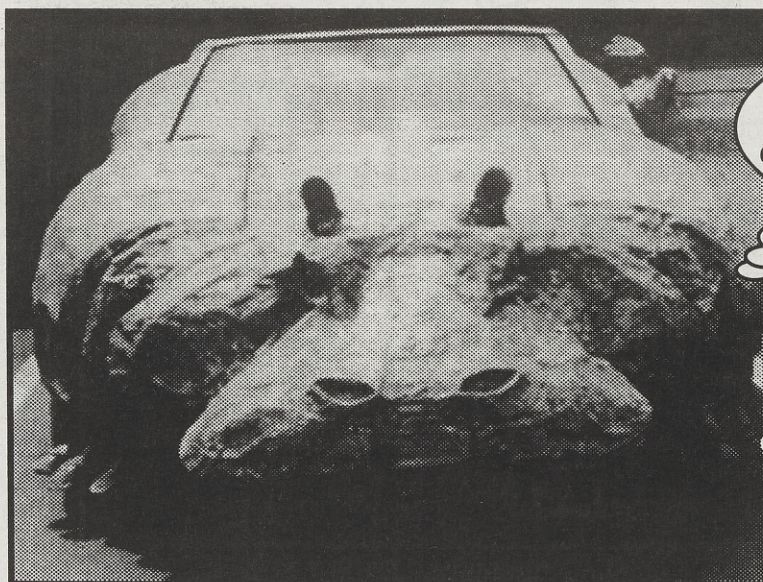


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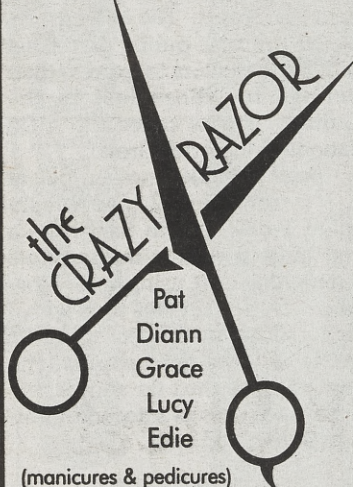
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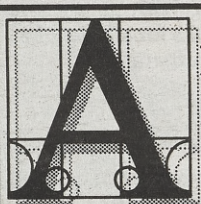
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## February 1996

Merck Pharmaceuticals says it will test new protease inhibitor Indinavir (Crixivan) together with AZT and 3TC, versus AZT and 3TC alone. (Three-drug combination therapy has become the new standard of treatment.)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says it will take a closer look at new concept of tracking course of HIV by viral load versus T-cell count. (This too has become a new standard for determining treatment.)

Abbott Labs (maker of Ritonavir / Norvir), and Hoffman-LaRoche (maker of Saquinavir / Invirase) join Merck in push for quick FDA approval of their protease inhibitors. (All are now approved in combination with AZT and 3TC or other similar drugs in the reverse transcriptase inhibitor category. None are currently approved as single therapy. Combining protease inhibitors with reverse transcriptase inhibitors is proving surprisingly effective in about 80 percent of people with HIV disease.)

## March 1996

Boxer Tommy Morrison finds out he's HIV positive when the Nevada Athletic Commission disqualifies him just hours before a match for the heavyweight crown. (The controversy continues over whether athletes who engage in sports with a high probability of blood exchange should be the subject of mandatory blood tests. The Centers for Disease Control says "it would take quantity and duration" for HIV transmission, but Morrison's words may be heard louder. "I endorse mandatory testing for boxers. They'd be crazy not to," he says.

CMV drug ganciclovir's oral version (pills versus intravenous therapy) is proving to be well tolerated and an effective maintenance therapy for retinitis, and is well received because of its convenience. (It was originally feared that not enough of the oral version could reach the eye to prevent blindness.) Herpes virus CMV mainly attacks the retina of the eye, large intestine, esophagus and lungs. People with CMV retinitis can also receive implants in the eye that release the medication directly into the eye.

## April 1996

A group of New York parents complain that Magic Johnson's book "What you can do to avoid AIDS" is inappropriate for 14 and 15 year olds because it discusses oral and anal sex. The book is pulled after four years of use. (A New York schools health advisory panel is being created to review materials and allow parents to decide if their children can take the classes.)

# HIV Newsline - 1996 in review...

By Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV Editor

The FDA says 60 people will be added to an expanded trial of a controversial experimental treatment in which the blood of people with AIDS is drained from their body, scalded to 114 degrees, and returned. The idea is that heat will kill some of the HIV virus. FDA says the treatment has not proven to be of any help, but under pressure will authorize further testing because it doesn't appear to cause brain damage. (The jury is still out on this one, but most agree it's pretty drastic.)

## May 1996

Sacramento's first AIDS benefit Dance-o-Rama at Cal Expo raises \$63,000 for expanded and more conveniently located health services in the city. NAMES Project-Sacramento ran the Fun Court, and shared in the Fun Court proceeds. (NAMES put these funds toward scholarships to send 5 local people to Washington, DC, to see the display of the entire Quilt in October 1996. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation has now moved to expanded headquarters at the corner of 21st and N Streets. CARES is expected to move in March 1997 to expanded headquarters a block away from SAF, at 21st and O Streets. The proximity of the two agencies will prove of immeasurable convenience to Sacramentans with HIV and AIDS.)

"Firing Line" forum brings out scores of people interested in learning more about new treatment options. (The forums are coordinated by CARES educator Guillermo Acuna and continue to grow in popularity. AIDS-knowledgeable physicians in the area bring audience members up to date on latest treatments, and respond to questions from attendees. The events are held several times per year.)

NAMES Project holds Mothers-Day-Weekend new panel dedication. (The Sacramento Chapter Sewing Room this year collected over 70 new panels with names of 250 Sacramentans lost in the AIDS epidemic. All were displayed in Washington, DC, in October 1996.)

Approval for home HIV tests, withheld since they were first created in 1985, came through, still opposed by activists who say face-to-face counseling is a critical part of the procedure.

## June 1996

Scientists identify a protein called "fusin" that facilitates HIV's fusion with the CD-4 cells' outer membrane. The discovery is heralded as a tremendous advance in vaccine research.



Female condom Reality becomes subject of controversy, as San Francisco health clinics offer it as a receptive condom for anal sex along with other condoms. FDA has no comment. (Reality, made of plastic, is 40 percent stronger than the latex used in regular condoms. AIDS activists want to increase awareness of this use, but fear that the higher cost of Reality will keep it out of most health clinics.)

Financial crunch begins to hit states across the country as they attempt to provide protease inhibitors with limited resources. (Some say they have to stop providing across-the-board HIV drugs to accommodate the demand for protease medications. A complete drug regimen for HIV treatment—which may include acyclovir, bactrim, and dozens of other medications, can cost about \$40,000 per person per year.)

Project Inform activists, after months of pressure on Glaxo Wellcome (maker of 3TC) to stop denying the drug to people waiting to qualify for state assistance, praise the company for its decision to supply 3TC to anyone who cannot otherwise obtain it.

In 1992, Hollywood actor Neil Patrick Harris began the push for soap operas to have a Day of Compassion, adding AIDS issues to the storylines. The first year one program participated, and by the second year about half joined the effort. On June 21 of this year, every soap opera on TV discussed AIDS issues and even displayed the NAMES Project Quilts on one show. Many soaps have agreed to use continuing storylines about gays or the epidemic. (Thanks, Neil.)

## July 1996

Leprosy drug thalidomide, which causes severe deformities to a fetus when administered during pregnancy, shows good results in trials with 100,000 people as a treatment for AIDS-related weight loss. (FDA approval is expected by September 1997.)

FDA approves new reverse transcriptase inhibitor Nevirapine (Viramune) to join others in this category (AZT, DDI, DDC, D4T, and 3TC). FDA says it must be taken with at least one of the others because it quickly becomes ineffective when taken alone.

Tanqueray was the only company to respond when 200 companies nationwide were asked in 1993 to sponsor the American AIDS Rides. This year, the Tanqueray AIDS Ride raised \$25 million for AIDS research. Sacramento riders also participated and need whatever support we can give them each year. (Thanks for all that hard work to benefit others!)

## August 1996

Preliminary results of a small trial combining two protease inhibitors with one another show they reduce the amount of HIV in the blood to virtually undetectable levels. Some specialists are concerned that combining two powerful drugs will cause serious liver damage, but this didn't appear to be the case in this initial test. (Tests in this area continue. It was originally thought that protease inhibitors could not be combined with one another. It is now thought that Saquinavir is in one "category" and may be able to be effectively combined with Indinavir (Crixivan) or Ritonavir (Norvir), considered to be in a second category.)

Merck Pharmaceuticals says sales of Crixivan generated \$27 million in sales over the past two months. As of August 1996, it's being taken by 30,000 people nationwide.

Narcotics agents close down the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers Club, which for years has provided marijuana for medicinal purposes to people with AIDS and other illnesses. (Dennis Patton, who began the venture and was arrested by state agents in the raid, says he will re-open the Club on January 15 to distribute pot to people with physician recommendations, and will also start a "growers co-op" so people can obtain high-quality pot at bargain prices under a contract he says he has with Mendocino County. Dennis says this is allowed under the cultivation clause of the ballot initiative recently passed. Police do not share that opinion. We shall see what happens next.)

## September 1996

Kaiser Hospital announces it is now the first managed-care plan to cover viral load tests. It also says it will provide human growth hormone as a possible option to combat wasting syndrome when other remedies are exhausted, even though the treatment remains controversial because trial results are inconclusive.

Clarithromycin (Biaxin) shows positive results in tests as a preventative as well as a treatment for MAC. Mycobacterium avium complex is often the cause of night sweats, fever, weight loss and diarrhea in people with fewer than 50 T-cells.

Hope House hospice in midtown closes, strangled by bureaucratic red tape that requires prohibitively costly improvements to meet licensing requirements.

## October 1996

Flu shots start to be given throughout the area. People with HIV are reminded that the immunizations can interfere with the reading on their viral load tests, so they must let their physician know if they get one for another source. (Check with your physician if you haven't had one yet. It is still the season.)

Bristol Myers Squibb announces that DDI is now available in a new orange-flavored chewable formulation. (The previous version is described by users as way too large as well as foul tasting.)

A third class of drugs joins the scene. Non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitors (affectionately called NNRTIs) joins reverse transcriptase inhibitors (AZT, DDC, DDI, D4T, 3TC and Nevirapine) and protease inhibitors (Invirase, Crisivan, and Norvir). The new group includes nevirapine and atevirdine, now in early stages of testing. (As the possibilities increase, so too do the chances that people will find a variety of combinations that will work for them over the years to come.)

## November 1996

San Francisco's AIDS memorial tree grove is granted national memorial status. The quiet grove, one of the first public places set aside for survivors to express their feelings for those lost in the epidemic, is now called the AIDS National Memorial Grove.

Scientists take another look at IL-1 (interleukin-2, previously called T-cell growth factor) as a way to help restore the immune system, this time using a very low dose in tests. Previous tests with a higher dosage showed sporadic bursts of virus production. The lower dosage thus far shows sustained increases in infection-fighting white blood cells.

## December 1996

A new side effect of protease inhibitors emerges -- people are finding they feel well enough to rejoin the workforce, but not yet on a full-time basis. People not working full time do not receive medical benefits from their employer, and now a growing number of folks are finding they no longer qualify for disability. (Work closely with your case manager to understand your current eligibility status. Only an expert in the field can weave through the maze of programs and benefits and determine how they interact with your personal situation.)

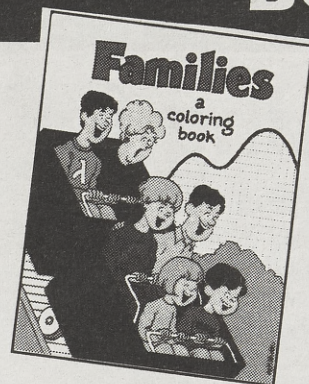
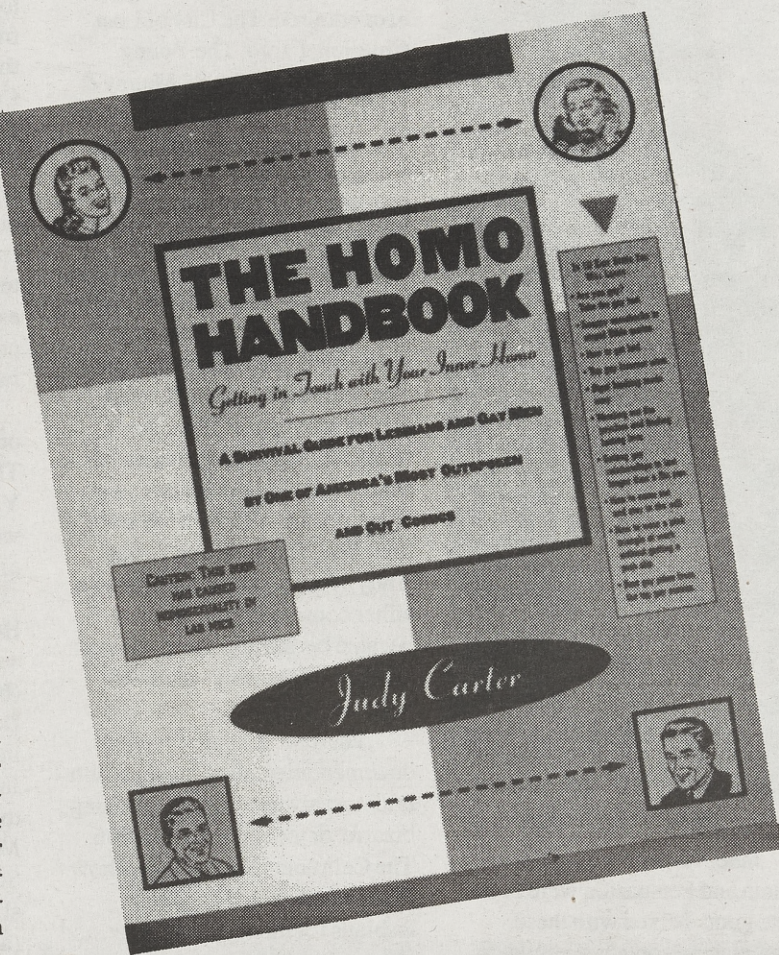
Early tests are showing that protease inhibitors, originally thought to act only in the blood but not in HIV "hiding places" such as lymph nodes, tonsils, spinal fluid and semen, may be able to reduce HIV in these places after all. A new testing method that can monitor HIV levels in the tonsils, tried on six people in Amsterdam, shows the HIV level was reduced after six months of treatment. ▼



# BETWEEN THE COVERS; THE YEAR'S TOP SELLING GAY AND LESBIAN BOOKS

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Gay and Lesbian Sacramentans read a variety of books over the last year. Book wise, their curiosities about gay and lesbian life and sex, humor, politics, relationships, cooking and decorating, travel, fiction, religion, and all subjects in between, have left them titillated and amused, laughing and crying, informed and satisfied, and looking for more books affirming their lifestyles. As gay and lesbian issues are covered almost daily in the newspapers and magazines, major and minor publishers are publishing more and more new titles covering all aspects of gay and lesbian living.



Men were curious about first-time sexual encounters as evidenced in The Open Book's Number One bestseller, *My First Time*, by Jack Hart, stories of men's first encounters with other men. They were also interested in love and finding it, as in *Love Between Men* and *Finding True Love in a Man-Eat-Man World*. And, they traveled to find it using the *Damron Address Book*. They were extremely interested in what men had to show them as in *Full-Frontal Male Nudity* and *Movie Buff Checklist*.

Mysteries were popular with both men and women with three titles in the Top Lists: *She Came by the Book*, by Mary Wings, *The President's Son*, by Krandall Kraus, and *Liberty Square*, by Katherine V. Forrest. Lesbians enjoyed more humor than did men, making *So You Want to be a Lesbian* and *Roberts' Rule of Lesbian Living* top sellers, unless one wishes to consider *Full-Frontal Male Nudity* in that category. Women also took to the road, sea and air with

*Damron Women's Traveler*, and everyone seemed to enjoy *Brian Bouldry's Wrestling With the Angel*, and *Rev. Troy Perry's The Lord is my Shepherd*. ▼

## The OpenBook's Bestsellers for 1996 :

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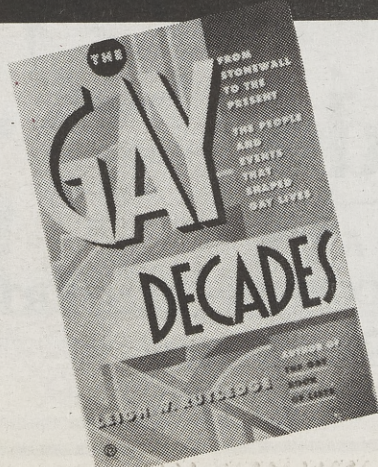
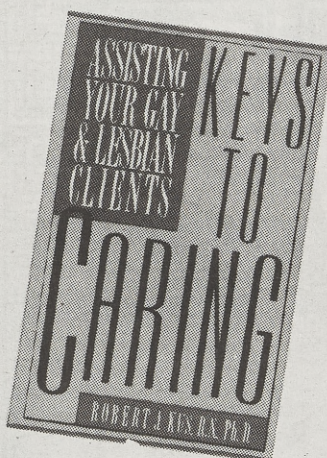
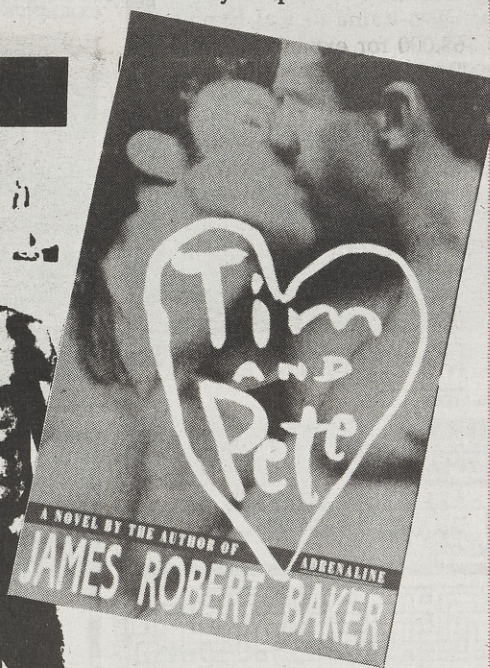
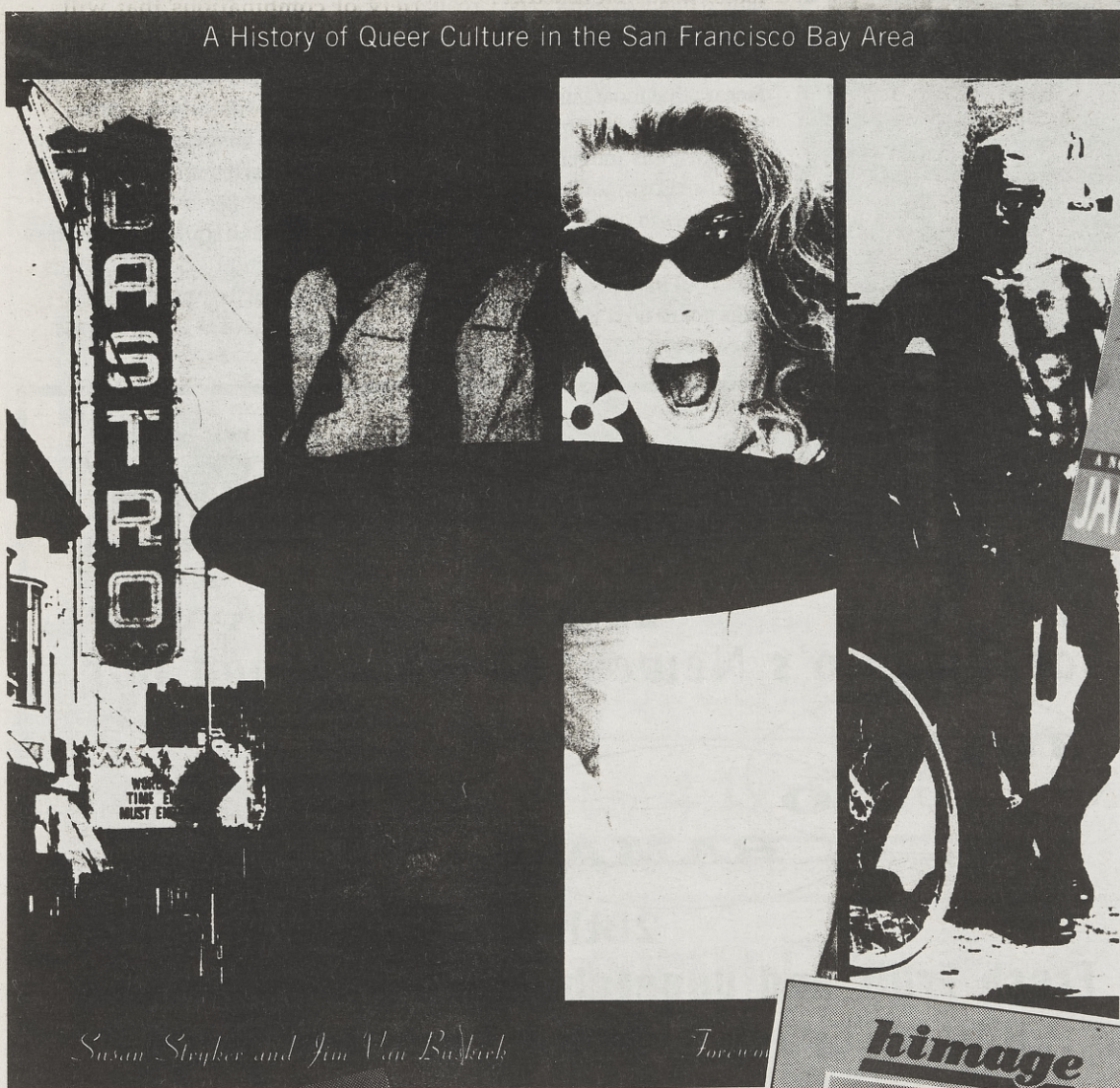
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3. *FULL-FRONTAL MALE NUILITY VIDEO GUIDE*, by Steve Stewart (Companion - \$12.95)
4. *FINDING TRUE LOVE IN A MAN-EAT-MAN WORLD: THE INTELLIGENT GUIDE TO GAY DATING, ROMANCE AND ETERNAL LOVE*, by Craig Nelson (Bantam - \$12.95)
5. *THE PRESIDENT'S SON*, by Krandall Kraus (Alyson - \$5.95)
6. *WRESTLING WITH THE ANGEL: FAITH & RELIGION IN THE LIVES OF GAY MEN*, edited by Brian Bouldry (Riverhead - \$14.00)
7. *LIKE PEOPLE IN HISTORY*, by Felice Picano (Viking - \$12.95)
8. *MOVIE BUFF CHECKLIST: MALE NUILITY IN THE MOVIES*, by Marvin Jones (Campfire Video - \$19.95)
9. *THE BEAUTY OF MEN*, by Andrew Holleran (Bantam - \$24.00)
10. *ONE DEAD DEVA*, by Phillip Scott (Black Wattle - \$12.95)

### WOMEN


1. *SO YOU WANT TO BE A LESBIAN?* by Liz Tracey & Sidney Pokorny (St. Martin's - \$12.95)
2. *SHE CAME BY THE BOOK*, by Mary Wings
3. *LIBERTY SQUARE*, by Katherine V. Forrest (Berkley - \$21.95)
4. *SWEAT STORIES & A NOVELLA*, by Lucy Jane Bledsoe (Seal Press - \$10.95)
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10. *CURIOUS WINE: TENTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION*, by Katherine V. Forrest (Naiad - \$10.95)

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1. *MARTHA STUART'S BETTER THAN YOU AT ENTERTAINING*, by Tom Connor & Jim Downey (Harper Perennial - \$10.00)
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## Time reveals and heals

By Stefan Grunwedel  
(MGW/Staff)

**T**he English Patient. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe, Kristin Scott Thomas. Directed by Anthony Minghella. (160 min.)

Set in North Africa and Italy before, during, and at the close of the Second World War, and dealing with private histories that merge amid this global conflict, The English Patient has the look and feel of an epic that requires considerable patience to enjoy. Certainly reading the novel by Michael Ondaatje would indicate that any adaptation would have to be inventive at best to transfer the fractured narrative successfully to the medium of film.

However, director Minghella's screenplay the result of three years of pruning and rewriting with Bay Area producer Saul Zaentz accomplishes the unenviable task of communicating the principal themes of fidelity and betrayal (of spouse and country) in the effective guise of a tragic love story.

Fiennes plays a man near death, who is taken care of by a French-Canadian nurse (Binoche) in a secluded monastery in Tuscany towards the end of the war. He apparently knows nothing about himself or his past. But as she begins reading aloud a book he has with him, The Histories by Herodotus, fragments of his past flash by his eyes and slowly he reveals more and more about himself.

There emerges a prewar expedition making maps for the Royal Geographical Society, a wife of one of the team members (Thomas),

and a love for her that consumes Fiennes' character.

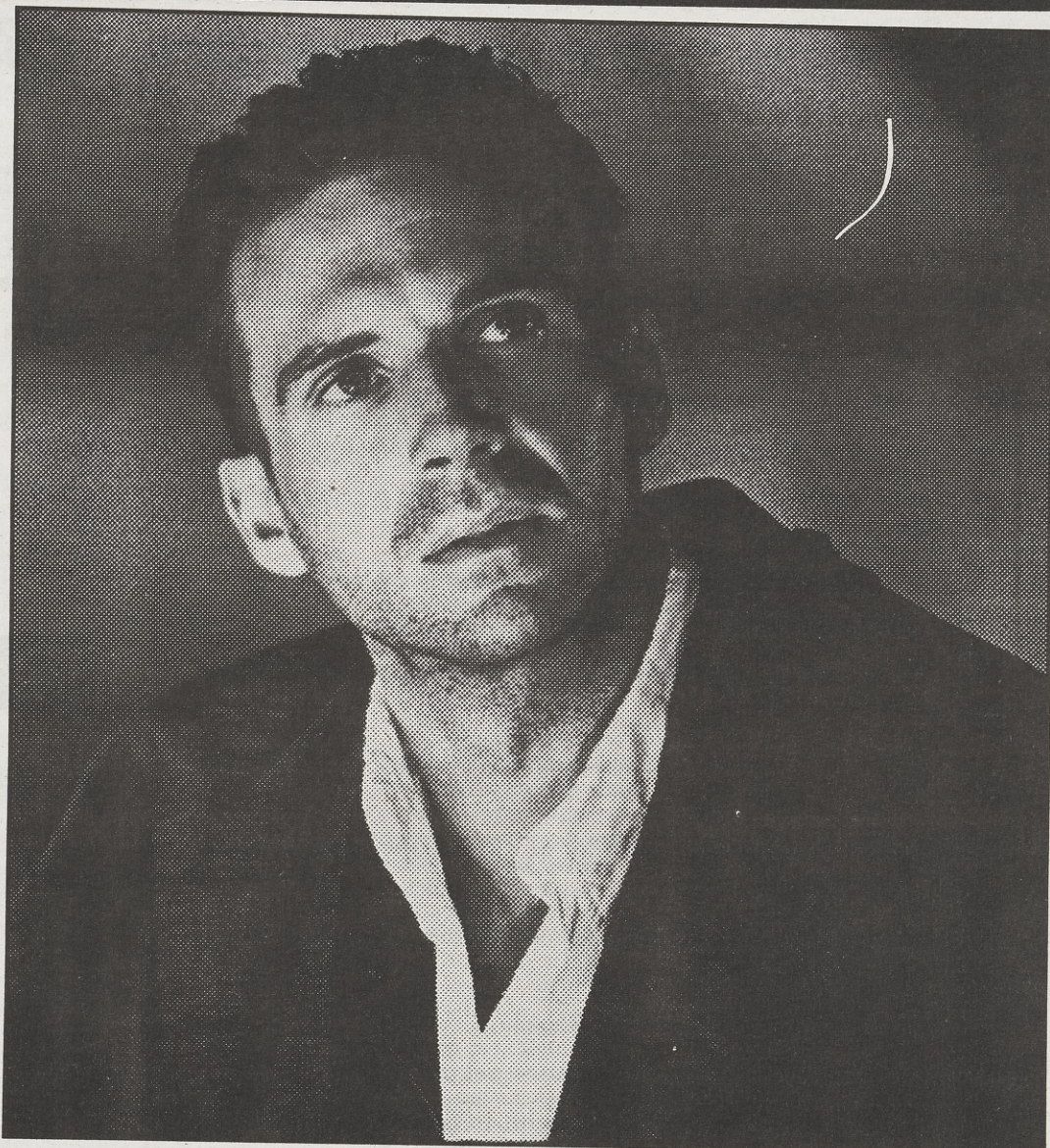
There also appears an enigmatic thief (Dafoe) who disturbs the temporary peace of the monastery. Eventually we realize that his past overlaps the past of the dying patient. War has involved these two men in different, yet each compelling ways. As might be expected, one of the stars in The English Patient is the

Sahara itself. Filmed around Italy and Tunisia, the movie captures many interesting locations: prewar Cairo, a fancy private house, an endless desert. Indeed, the sand storm is one of the highlights of the desert experience.

One odd point is a small bit of computer animation at the beginning and end, depicting a prop plane buzzing over the rippling dunes. It takes a while to realize just what's different about those scenes compared to the others in the film. Their existence is as mysterious as one of the characters.

Overall, Fiennes gets high marks for looking so determined in the flesh and yet remaining effective under all that burn make-up. The film could have developed the pasts of the supporting characters a bit more so that we could hope to understand them and their motivations better, but then the film would have easily exceeded three hours and may not have accomplished much more.

The English Patient plays in area multiplexes. ▼



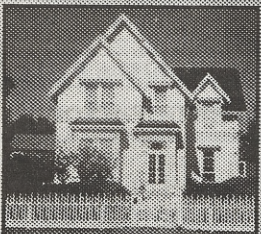
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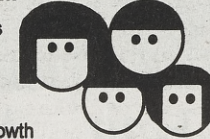
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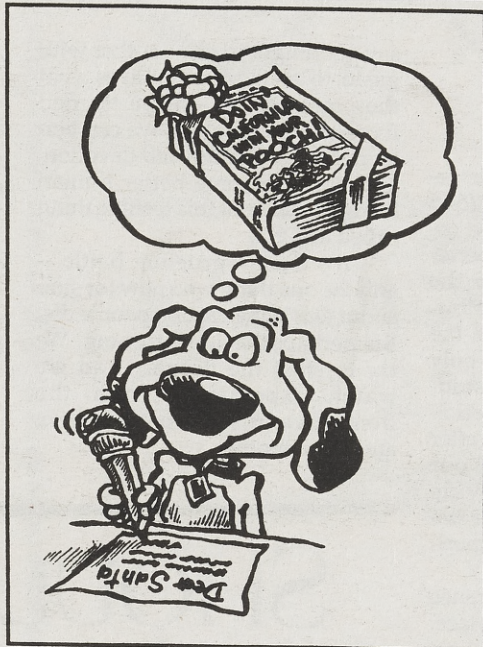
I hear the same lament everyday from dog owners....."My dog won't mind me!", or "My dog is stubborn and I can't teach it a thing", or "My dog is hyper", or "I don't think she's dumb, but she just keeps doing the same thing over and over. I'm going to get rid of her", or "She runs away and won't come when I call". Then they will tell you all the things they've done to stop the unwanted behaviors, like "smacking him", or "yelling", or "beating it when it comes back after running off", or "rubbing its nose in it (potty mistakes).....and I cringe.

What I am really hearing is that dog owners expect their pets to train themselves and then when it doesn't happen, people respond in all the wrong ways. The truth is, dogs do not train themselves to be socially acceptable, they have to be taught what we expect of them. And most of our natural instincts run counter to the ways that animals respond. In truth, our animals do train themselves. They train themselves to avoid contact with those of us who are creating stress for them.

The other misconception harbored by humans is that their dogs will "outgrow" their bad habits. Wrong! Annoying habits such as digging, barking, jumping, general destructiveness, are all self-rewarding behaviors which means that they are constantly reinforcing themselves as the dog gains pleasure from their performance. DOGS DO NOT OUTGROW BAD BEHAVIORS. It is true that with maturity some dogs will slow down and not be as bad as they were as adolescents. My contention, as a long time owner of multiple dogs, is that no one needs to live with poor behavior in their dogs when training will solve the problem. Most of us wouldn't accept poor behavior in our children, why do we condone it in our dogs?

Dogs come with a set of natural behaviors. They know how to act like dogs. They have natural instincts for survival that go back eons. They have strong instinctive patterns based on what their forbears were bred to do. Our dogs are at a distinct disadvantage as they have never read the stories of superdogs or seen Lassie or Rin Tin Tin in movies or on TV, which have shaped mans' ideas of how dogs act. Mans' education in a set of myths about dog behavior bears little or no resemblance to the reality of what a dog is or does. These misconceptions do not bode well for the dog.

One of the most important ingredients necessary to living with and training any animal, regardless of the species, is patience. Animals have lots of it, humans have very little. Animals have no concerns other than their survival, while man's survival concerns are more complicated and made more difficult by a myriad of distractions. Man wants instant fixes for everything; animals learn by repetition. Most of the time the two are totally at odds with each other.



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Another important ingredient to successful training is to remain calm and quiet. Humans tend to be very emotional and reactive when things don't go their way. Since dogs are very tuned to every nuance of our being, man ends up sending out very confused signals. When the signals are not clear, the dogs don't know what to do or how to react. A confused dog will inevitably do the opposite of what we want it to do.

Common Sense is essential when dealing with dogs. Most intelligent people realize that when something is not working that the common sense thing to do is change direction and find a method that does work. Humans keep doing the same things over and over again even though it doesn't get results. So, they keep getting more of what they don't want in terms of the dogs' behavior. Most people just don't know what to do or how to do it and they wait until problems escalate to unmanageable proportions before getting help. Unfortunately shelters are filled with dogs that people have given up on.

To successfully train the family dog, most people need help, and that is why dog trainers have become an essential part of every dogs' education. The trainer gets to show the owner "how it is done". In the case of the dog that has really developed unacceptable or problem behaviors, the behavior consultant may be the one needed to set things straight again. Sometimes, even the trainers and behavior experts don't get results because they are approaching the problems from a negative point of

view. Animals do not respond well to force or coercion. They do respond well to a positive reward system, just as humans do.

Most dogs will respond quickly and successfully when gentle, positive, motivational methods are employed in shaping positive behavior. Along with patience, people need a sound knowledge of how dogs think and respond. If most humans would stop and reflect, they would realize that they do not respond well to force or coercion. For example, if someone yells an order to "come here", most humans would resist just as our dogs resist. But when a tone of voice is friendly, and we hear something like, "would you come here a minute, please?" we are more likely to readily respond. Simple!

When someone tells me that they have "hit" the dog for its poor behavior, I know that I am dealing with a dog that has little trust in humans, particularly its owner. Getting that trust back will take infinite patience and lots of rewards to recondition the behavior in a positive direction. When I hear

that people have shouted and yelled at the dog, I know that the dog has learned to "tune out" its masters voice. In most cases, the dogs' poor behavior is a direct result of the owners negative training. When I am faced with a dog problem, I know that in reality it is a people problem. Fix the people's attitudes, teach them technique and the dog has a chance of becoming what they wanted in the first place.

In talking to other positive, motivational trainers, I hear the same thing that I encounter among our students.....they are amazed at how simple training the dog is when they learn the correct way to do it.

So, as noted trainer/behaviorist, Karen Pryor says, "Don't Shoot The Dog" get professional help in training. Also, don't wait until puppies have developed negative habits, take advantage of Puppy Kindergarten classes where owners are taught how to motivate and shape positive behaviors when the puppy is at a very responsive and trainable age. Waiting until a dog has reached six months to begin training is tantamount to sending the six year old child off to first grade with no social skills. Puppies learn and they learn quickly. Behaviors that we shape in the very young puppy will make it a more manageable teenage dog.

It is also good to be aware that a short class will not solve all the problems. A five or six week puppy class with get the training off the ground by teaching the humans some skills. Training is a lifetime proposition, but an owner with skills can handle new challenges if they have learned the skills obtainable by devoting six months to a year in attending classes. Then when those new challenges arise, they can go back and reinforce the behaviors they want.

Training isn't hard, but it does take a reasonable investment in time. In the long run, it will be

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# On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV Editor

## A glance at the past year...

Everyone must be exhausted. The ups, the downs, the uncertainty, the strict regimens, the promise.

For more than a decade, we've fought the war, learned to live life to the fullest, learned to be happy over tiny steps forward, and

learned how to say goodbye. A lot. We've said goodbye to nearly 350,000 Americans taken too young by this AIDS epidemic, nearly 1500 of them in Sacramento.

Suddenly on the horizon is a light -- drug combinations that we've fantasized about for years. Medications that are bringing us rediscovered libidos, allowing fewer daily naps, more energy, and the promise of more to come. We can now treat, and sometimes prevent the pneumonia that quickly killed so many 15 years ago. We have medicines that delay blindness, that control thrush and herpes and other infections that attack weak immune systems. The story of the year, of course, has been the arrival of the protease inhibitors that are reducing the amount of virus in the bodies of nearly 80 percent of the people who've tried them.

But in the middle of the joy, many are grappling with powerful new emotions -- feeling pressure because they're supposed to be overjoyed that their health is better, when actually they're feeling anxiety about the future, depression, guilt and anger that cherished friends died just before the new drugs emerged, that other friends can't take them because of the side effects, that their lives are now back on the beeper -- where meds must be taken exactly two hours before this, or exactly one hour after that, because taking them at irregular intervals may give the virus a chance to mutate. Many lug an ice chest wherever they go because their meds must be kept cool to be effective. They wait for the results of each viral load test with the same anxiety they felt while waiting for the results of their first HIV test.

Many in the midst of the war can't help but have feelings of suspicion that they'll become excited at the prospect of new life, only to have the drugs fail them when they're least expecting it -- because no one knows yet if they'll last for two years, or five, or twenty. They read about the new studies -- the pros the cons, and sometimes feel really jerked around. And now they face new uncertainties about what the future holds -- about resurrecting dreams they'd put away long ago as they waited for the disease to progress.

A great many, thinking they were as old as they would ever get, totaled out their credit cards, spent their life insurance. Now they must learn how to live with a reprieve, balancing anxiety about their financial situations, how to pay for the drugs they need, and the prospect of returning to their jobs, with feelings of excitement about living again, falling in love again, redefining relationships with their spouses -- yet feeling confused about all these reactions, and afraid to talk about them. 1996. What a year.

## A glimpse into the future...

The new developments in research continue to bring us good news, to delight and surprise us. Scientists tell us that even better drugs, and ways to combine the ones we have, are in the pipeline. Researchers say they believe the hope is real. We know that only time will tell, and we revel in studies that show early trial participants remaining healthy year after year. But we question how our society can possibly provide \$40,000 per year, decade after decade, to each of the 556,000 Americans now diagnosed with HIV.

Those with jobs and insurance benefits are in a fairly safe place. Those without jobs who rely on government assistance are in a fairly safe place. But then there are a growing number of those who've been on disability for two or three years, whose health is returning to the point where they might not be able to work a five-day week and receive benefits, but who are too healthy to stay home on disability. The wisest thing for the folks in this category to do is to have long talks with their case manager (and especially to get a case manager if they don't yet have one). Only someone fluent in the complexities and interactions of the social system and the law can help clarify the best way to proceed through the maze of share-of-costs, medically indigent, county qualifying, SSA, SSI. Each person's case is different because each person's assets and work history are different. CARES clients have access to excellent case managers (443-3299), and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (448-2437) provides this service to individuals who are not CARES clients. It's critical that people understand their situation each step of the way as they proceed through the years ahead, and it may be a good idea of get a clear picture of the options long before it's necessary to exercise them. Certainly, each time a person contemplates changing jobs, he or she must completely understand how insurance carriers handle "pre-existing conditions" before they make a switch.

We must learn to inform ourselves and know our options earlier, to trust earlier, to get tested and create a treatment plan earlier. Caregivers and friends may need to shift from a support role, to standing shoulder to shoulder with their friends as they face a new future, as they re-enter a world they've spent so much time preparing to leave, and let them try their new wings, fail a few times as we all do, and finally fly.

One thing the war on AIDS has taught many of us is to cherish every moment because we know it will never come again, to take one more backward glance at places of beauty for those who no longer can see. We've learned to

say goodnight to one another with gusto, to tell those in our lives what they mean to us. We've learned more about ourselves, we can better define dedication and devotion, and we've become better human beings because of this terrible thing called AIDS.

It's been a grueling battle -- and the one thing we know for sure about war is that young people die. But perhaps the tide is turning. We try to shed the despair, and we watch expectantly from the frontlines as first one battle is won, and then another.

A new day is upon us -- one where we can legitimately consider that we may all be here together in five years, or in twenty. Perhaps we'll go for that college degree now, or buy that house with the love of our life. The better our fantasies can be, the better our realities can become. If what we reach for doesn't exceed our grasp, then what are the heavens for? We must learn to dream again. ▼

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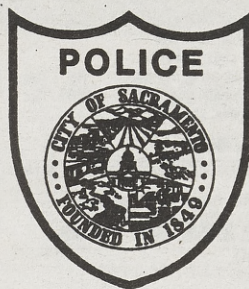
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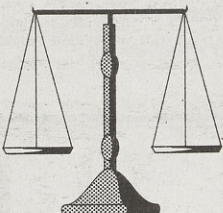
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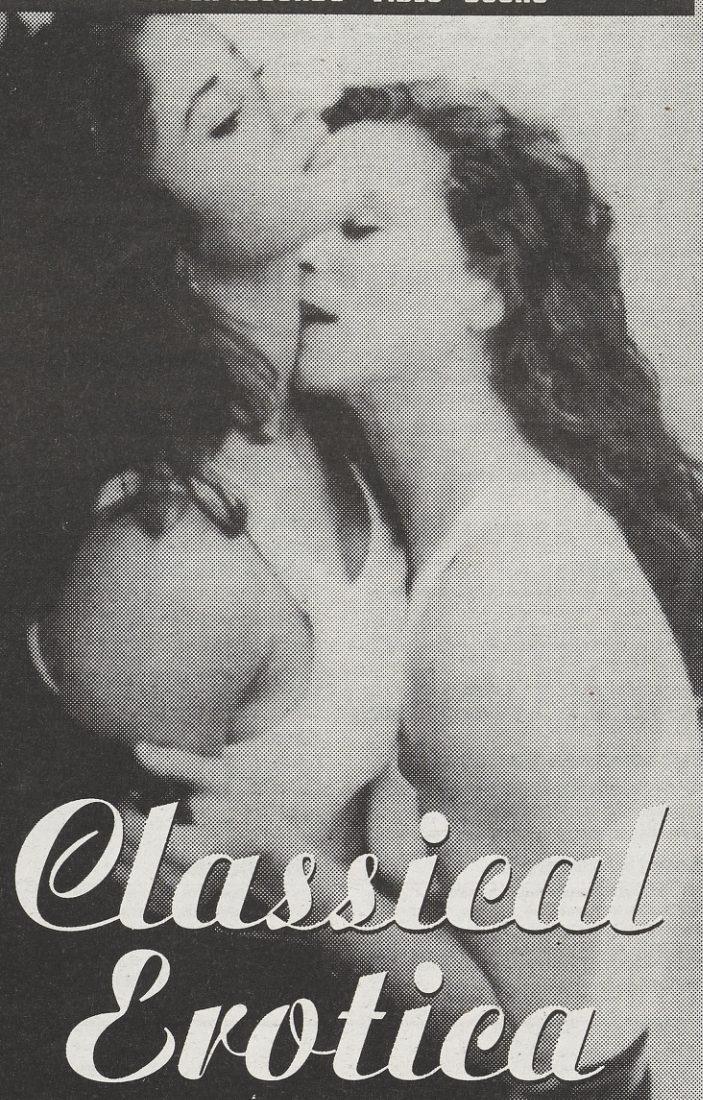
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### 1 WEDNESDAY

#### NEW YEARS DAY

ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:  
Cami Thompson, Dana Atherton Duo, 7-11pm, 2301 Fillmore St. S.F., 922-1444  
GREATER SAC AREA COUPLES  
Op Meeting, 925-6658  
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199  
VALLEY BEARS MEETING  
Wreck Room 2513 Broadway, 7pm, 535-5050  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP  
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

### 2 THURSDAY

ARTWALK IN SEBASTOPOL  
5-8pm, 829-2416  
BEING GAY TODAY  
Channel 17, 10pm  
THE CREST THEATRE PRESENTS:  
Harold & Maude, 2-3, 1013 K St., 44-CREST  
LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP  
Auburn's DeWitt Center, 7pm, 632-7080

### 3 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY  
Channel 17, 4pm  
G/L SIERRANS  
Women's Ski Weekend, 972-9230  
NEW ORLEANS GIFT & JEWELRY SHOW  
3-6, Ernest N. Morial Conv. Center New Orleans, 708/241-9865  
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE  
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

### 4 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY  
Channel 17, 10am  
CAL EXPO WINTER ANTIQUE AND COLLECTOR'S FAIR  
California State Fairgrounds, 4-5th, 10am-5pm, 415/459-0827  
EAGLES WALKING GROUP  
991-2420  
DIANE PATTERSON SEXTET  
9pm, Fox & Goose Public House 10th & R St., 443-8825  
MASTER GARDENER PRUNING PLANT DEMONSTRATION  
9:30am, 8037 Mountain Ave., 875-6913  
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199  
RARE BOOK AND EPHEMERA SHOW AND SALE  
4-5, 10am-6pm, Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn 300 J St., 443-6223

### 6 MONDAY

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199  
SEMINAR: WOMEN OF THE PACIFIC  
Given by Int'l. Women's Studies Institute, 6-13th, 415/323-2013

### 7 TUESDAY

GREATER SAC AREA COUPLES  
Holiday Meeting, 925-6658  
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### 8 WEDNESDAY

THE CREST THEATRE PRESENTS:

James Dean in Giant, 8-11, 1013 K St., 44-CREST  
EAGLES MEETING  
Potluck at Lambda Center, 6:30pm, 641-8460  
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP  
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Channel 17, 10pm  
EASTMAN JAZZ GROUP AT ARC  
8pm, 4700 College Oak Dr. Rm. 512, 484-8549  
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Theatre and Coffee, 649-3043  
EAGLES WALKING GROUP  
991-2420  
MAISON ET OBJETS & MUSEUM EXPRESSIONS  
11-13, Carrousel Du Louvre, Paris, 212/691-9665  
MONTE CARLO NIGHT  
Delta Lambda Phi, 7-11pm, Lambda Center 919 20th St., 558-6678  
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

### 12 SUNDAY

SACRAMENTO PSYCHIC FAIR  
10am-5pm, Holiday Inn 5321 Date Ave., 415/626-6191

### 13 MONDAY

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American River College Theatre, *The Voice of the Prairie*, thru Dec. 1; *The Effect On Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, Feb. 28 - Mar 9; *All My Sons*, Apr. 25 - May 4, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234

Broadway Playhouse, *Twas The Night Before Christmas*, Dec. 13-22, 4010 El Camino Ave., 489-6880

CSUS Theatre Arts, *La Bete*, thru Dec. 8, Playwright's Theatre; *La Chunga*, Mar. 6-16, Playwright's Theatre; *Once Upon A Mattress*, Apr. 10-20, University Theatre; *Masks, Circles: Healing The Pain*, May 1-11, Playwright's Theatre, 278-6604

Oakland Ballet, *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 12-29, Historic Paramount Theatre 2025 Broadway, 510/452-9288

River Stage, *Death Of A Salesman*, thru Dec. 8; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Apr. 17 - May 18; *Fresh Off The Boat*, Jul. 10-27; *Consummes River College*, 688-7364

Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble, *Dancescapes*, May 2nd - 10, 457-7733 for details

Sacramento Ballet, *The Nutcracker* Dec 6-22; *Who Cares?*, *Serenade*, *Boleto*, Feb. 13-15, 1997; *Peter and the Wolf*, Feb. 16, 1997; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, March 20-22, 1997; *Raggedy Ann & Andy* March 23, 1997, 1631 K St., 552-5800.

Sacramento City Actors Theatre, *A Mid Summer Night's Dream*, thru Dec. 14; *Mr. Toad's Christmas Carol*, thru Dec. 15; *The Praying Mantis*, Jan.

10-25; *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Feb. 2 - Mar. 22; *Tales From Beatrix Potter*, Mar 9 - Apr. 19; *Arms And The Man*, Apr. 18 - May 17, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228

Sacramento Light Opera Association, Tickets for *Hello, Dolly!* and *Into the Woods*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and *CATS* on sale now, 557-1999.

Sacramento Repertory Theatre, *It's So Nice To Be Civilized* Dec 20-Jan 4; *The First*, Jan 24-Feb 22, 1997; *Stories About The Old Days*, Mar 7-Apr 5, 1997; *Special One Man Show: Hal Williams*, To Be Announced; *The Wiz*, May 2-24, 1997; *One Act Festival* May 29-31, 1997; *Hunter* Jun 20-Jul 26, 1997, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.

Sacramento Theatre Company, *The Search For Signs Of Intelligent Life In The Universe*, thru Dec. 22 at Stage Two; *A Christmas Carol*, thru Dec. 29 at McClatchy Mainstage; *California Schemin'*, Jan. 14 - Feb. 9 at McClatchy Mainstage; *The Comedy of Errors*, Mar. 4 - Apr. 27 at McClatchy Mainstage; *Orphans*, Apr. 1 - Jun. 8 at Stage Two; *Burning Patience*, May 13 - Jun. 8 at McClatchy Mainstage. 443-6722

The Studio Theatre, *Six Women With Brain Death*, thru Dec. 29, 1028 R St., 446-2668

Westland Opera House, *A Christmas Carol*, thru Dec 15, *Oliver*, Dec 22 - Dec 14, 340 2nd St. Woodland, 666-9617

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ANNUAL AIDS INTERFAITH MEETING  
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### 15 WEDNESDAY

"CELEBRATE CITRUS" CANNING CLASS  
6:30-8:30pm, UC Cooperative Ext. Office, 4145 Branch Center Rd., 366-2013  
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Part 1 of 2, 4:45-6:45pm, pre-register, 366-2013  
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McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199  
"WHAT'S BEHIND THOSE DIFFICULTIES?"  
7pm, Sutter Center for Psychiatry, Dinning Room 7700 Folsom Blvd.,  
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### 16 THURSDAY

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### 17 FRIDAY

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Book reading group, 649-3043  
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SANTA FE FURNITURE EXPO  
17-19, Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix, 505/984-9144  
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### 18 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY  
Channel 17, 10am  
EAGLES WALKING GROUP  
991-2420  
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Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199  
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### 20 MONDAY

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CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

## ART GALLERIES

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THE BEAN QUEENS, "Triptic Journeys", Jody Hartney, Dec. 7-Jan. 4, 399-1960

BE-NO PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY, *Bodies E-Motion*, Charr Crail of Sac., *Still Lightly* Steven Katscak of L.A., thru Dec. 12, 1020 22nd St., 444-5159

BIG ART, "Gestures", The Bay Valley 5, thru Dec. 6, Reconstructionist Am I, Eric E. Brandon, *Third Annual Art Show*, Frau Beck, Dec. 10-Jan. 3, 1928 L St., 446-2740

BLOOMING ART, "Celebrate Creativity, Give Art" Christmas Show, thru Jan. 5, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, Masterworks of Modern Sculpture from the Nasher Collection, thru Jan 1997; 19th & 20th Century Sculptors' Prints & Drawings: Selections from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, thru Jan 18; "In the Mind's Eye": Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age, June 1997-August 1997, 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, Sakakeeny & Hodge, flute & piano, Ballroom, 3-4pm. "The Colors of Paradise": Paintings and Textiles from India, thru Feb. 9; Art & Politics in Revolutionary France, thru Feb. 9, 1997; Kings & Queens & Soup Tureens from Winterthur, thru Jan 5, 1997, 216 O St., 264-5423.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Haidle Collection, thru March 1997; Beat Culture and the New America: 1950-1965, thru Dec. 29; Art of the Americas: Cultural Crosscurrents thru Jan. 26; Ob-

PFLAG MEETING  
Speaker Rev. Doddie Stone, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800  
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### 22 WEDNESDAY

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Card Night, 925-6658  
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199  
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP  
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

### 23 THURSDAY

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Channel 17, 10pm

### 24 FRIDAY

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BIRDING IN MEXICO DISCUSSION  
G/L Sierra Club, 7pm, Sierra 2 Center 2791 24th St., 455-4790  
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Birding Trip, 455-4790  
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### 25 SATURDAY

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991-2420  
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

### 26 SUNDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER  
Superbowl Party, 684-6524  
SUPERBOWL CHILI COOK-OFF AT EDGEWATER RESORT  
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### 27 MONDAY

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS  
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

### 28 TUESDAY

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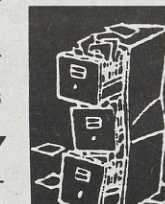
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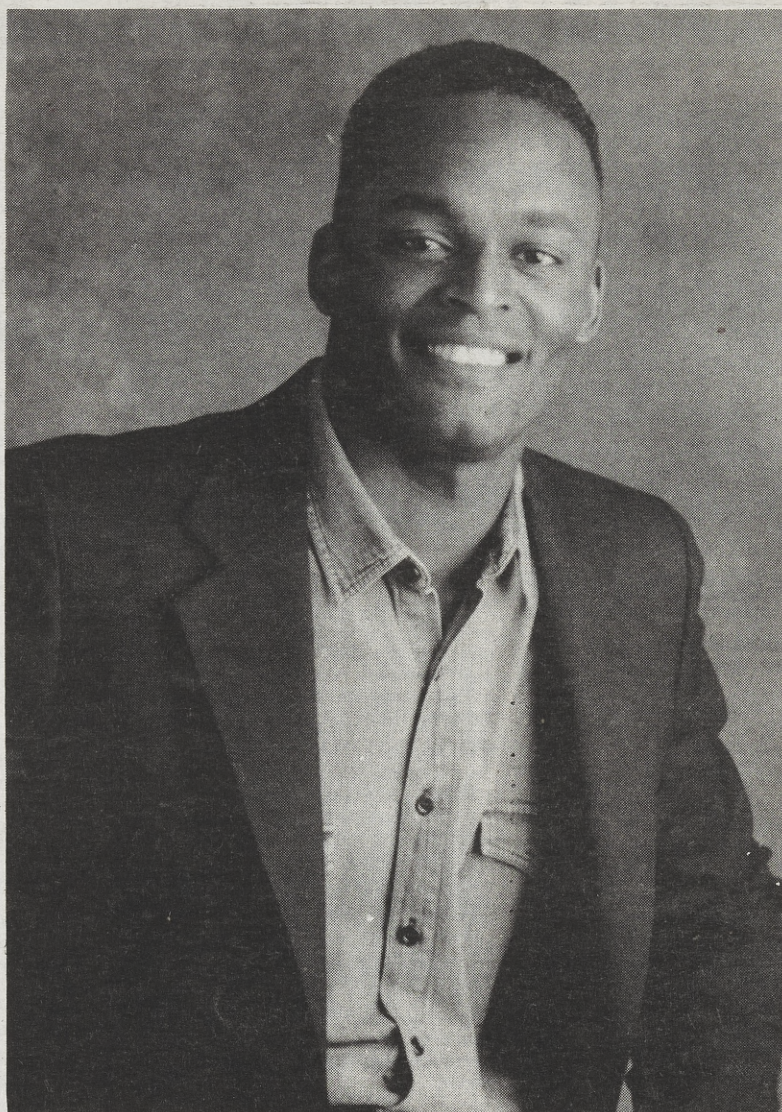
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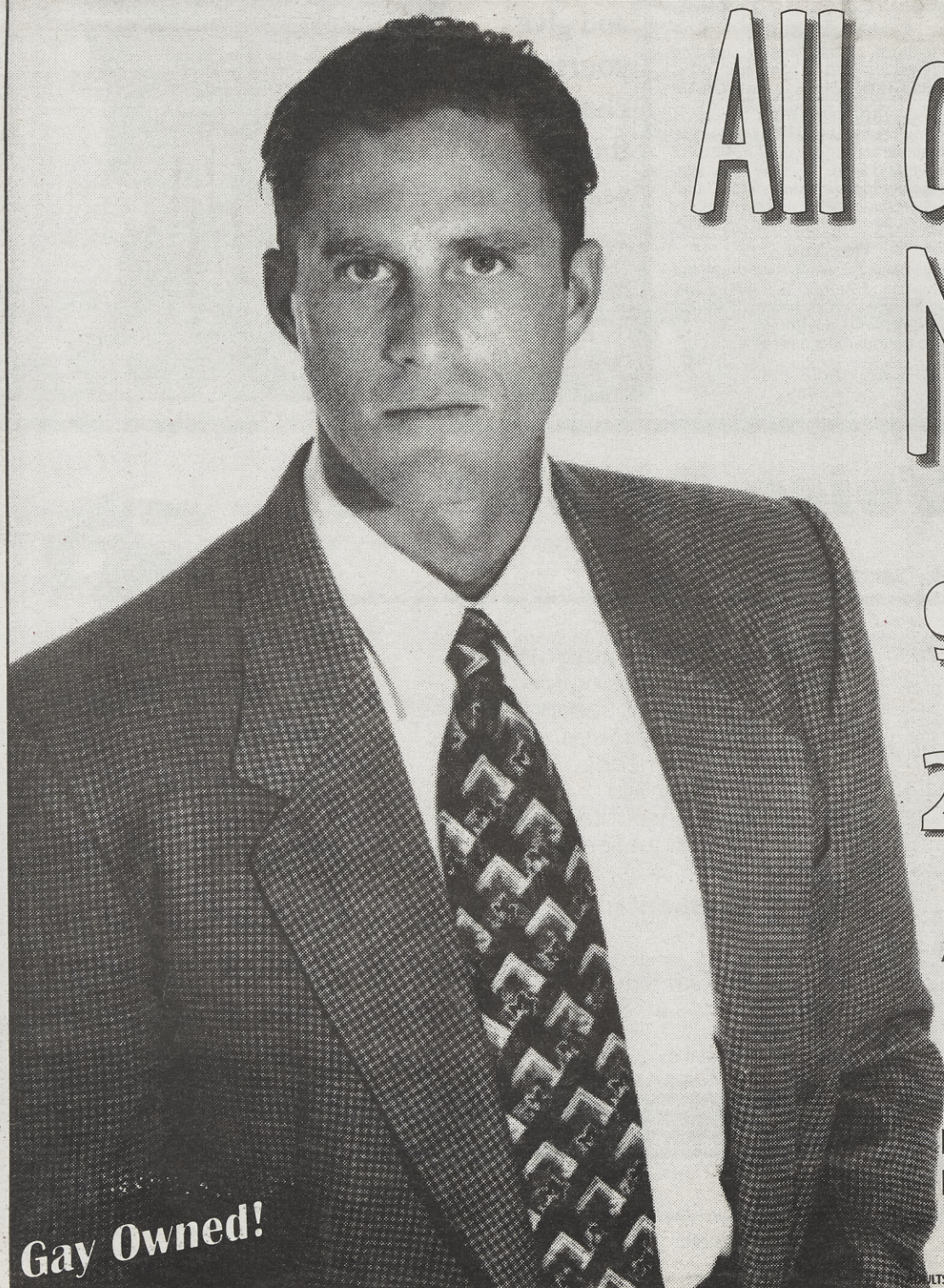
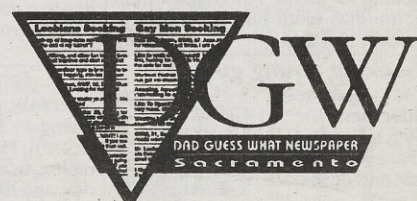
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